



Endorsed Minutes of the ninetieth meeting of the Governing Board held on Thursday 20 October 2022 from 13:00 – 15:00 by teleconference.

Present:

Members: Barbara Lison (President, Chair); Vicki McDonald; Jaap Naber; Kirsten Boelt; Jonathan Hernández Pérez; Yasuyo Inoue; Ayub Kahn; Halo Locher; Mandla Ntombela, Nthabiseng Kotsokoane.

Observer: Jan Richards (Vice Chair Professional Council)

Staff: Helen Mandl, Deputy Secretary General & Director Member Services; Stephen Wyber, Director Policy & Advocacy.

1. General Business

1.1 Welcome and apologies

The President opened the meeting and welcomed all including Jan Richards who was attending as the representative of the Professional Council.

Resolution: It was agreed that Jan Richards, as the representative of the Professional Council, be able to attend the in-camera session of the meeting.

1.2 Adoption of the agenda

The President proposed to have a first part of the in-camera session after item 1.6 and asked for approval. The agenda with the amendment by the President was adopted.

1.3 Statement of interests

None.

1.4 Minutes of previous meetings

1.4.1 Draft minutes with discussions of the Governing Board meeting on 27 September 2022

Noted that Item 2.3 in the minutes should state “A meeting to discuss the Plan with the Chairs of the Professional Council, Regional Council, MLAS, Professional Divisions, Regional Divisions and Advisory Committees has been set for 17 October from 13:00 – 14:30. It was proposed to also invite the key signatories to the members’ letter to this meeting noting that three were already among the Chairs and only one other required an invitation.”

Resolution: The Governing Board accepted the amended minutes with discussions as a true and accurate record of the eighty-ninth meeting of the Governing Board held on 27 September 2022 by teleconference.

1.4.2 Draft minutes with decisions of the Governing Board meeting on 27 September 2022

Resolution: The Governing Board accepted the amended minutes with decisions as a true and accurate record of the eighty-ninth meeting of the Governing Board held on 27 September 2022 by teleconference.

1.5 Resolutions agreed since the last meeting

Representation Changes

A meeting was held within the Governing Board meeting of 27 September to vote on a series of legal requirements to be submitted as minutes to the Dutch Chamber of Commerce following recent changes within the Governing Board and authorizations. Subsequently, Governing Board members had individually given their approval for their digital signatures to be attached to these minutes.

Resolution: The Governing Board approved the attachment of their digital signatures to these minutes.

1.6 Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda

It was noted that some matters had been raised by e-mail by one Governing Board member. These would be addressed under relevant agenda items.

In-camera session, part 1

2. Governance

2.1 General Assembly and Motion 3

At the General Assembly in August 2022, the IFLA Members approved Motion 3:

We propose to the Governing Board to strengthen our federation by formulating a common basis of values as transparency, accountability, and integrity including a mechanism for whistle-blowers, adequate communication and how to respond to war and conflict and that before December 2022, the Governing Board presents a timetable for a more communicative and transparent IFLA.

At its meeting in September, the Governing Board noted that the motion is complex and asked IFLA HQ to unpack the motion into its different components and to propose options for addressing the motion.

Resolutions:

1. That IFLA HQ set out a timetable with responsibilities for the completion of the suggested activities addressing aspects of Motion 3.
2. That the timetable be provided to the Governing Board as soon as possible.

2.2. Progress of the Plan for Securing IFLA’s Future and next steps

In its meeting in September, the Governing Board requested that an update of the Plan be available to members after each Governing Board meeting and the end of each month. The Plan uses the same format with notes on the activities that have happened and what is planned for the coming month.

Resolution:

1. The Governing Board noted the progress of the Plan.

2.3. Operational Plan for 2023 update

While concrete actions for 2023 are still to be decided, a draft operational plan will be needed by December in order to provide a draft budget to the December meeting. HQ will present a draft operational plan to the Governing Board for discussion.

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

2.4 IFLA SIGL Partnership

The SIGL Board met in the Hague in the week of 3 October. They met twice as a Board with IFLA President, President-elect (by Zoom) and Treasurer. They discussed SIGL’s financial support for IFLA.

SIGL looked at ways of continuing to support IFLA through a clearer process that would make the funding more transparent to others – Governing Board, staff, membership – and that shows more clearly that IFLA has freedom and flexibility in their activities.

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

2.5 Elections timeline

Resolutions:

1. The Governing Board approved the nominations and elections timeline for the 2023-2025 elections process.
2. The Governing Board approved the estimated budgeted amount to manage the 2023-2025 elections process

2.6 Statement on Evidence for Sustainable Development

Resolution: The Governing Board endorsed the Statement on Evidence for Sustainable Development.

2.7 Professional Council – changes for handbook

Resolution: The Governing Board approved a new Rule 27.3.8 to be included in IFLA’s Rules of Procedure:

R27.3.8 There shall be limitations on the cumulation of positions held by any one individual. The following conditions shall apply:

- No individual shall hold more than two elected or appointed roles within IFLA
- No individual shall hold elected member roles in two units in a direct or indirect hierarchical relationship, or two units within the same category (Professional, Regional, Advisory Committees) of the Federation.
- No individual shall hold more than one officer role (chair, vice-chair, secretary, communications/ information coordinator)

2.8 Preparations for December GB meeting

3. Financial Matters

3.1 IFLA Membership fees 2023

Each year the Governing Board sets the membership fees for the coming year. The average inflation rate in the Netherlands from July 2021 to June 2022 was 5.8% while the current inflation rate in September 2022 was already 12%. Global indicators point to rising inflation around the world and the Governing Board considered the difficult economic situation of members in all countries and therefore proposed an inflation rate of 4% be applied to membership fees instead of the calculated average rate of 5.8%.

Resolution: The Governing Board resolved to set the annual membership fees for 2023, representing an increase of 4% for all categories of membership and related services.

3.2 IFLA IT Support

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report including the need for strategic advice on IFLA's other IT needs.

Staff salaries

On a motion received from a Governing Board member regarding the salaries of IFLA senior staff in 2021, it was decided that the Governing Board should receive the GB papers from 2019 which refer to this matter.

4. WLIC

4.1 WLIC 2023 Update

A member of the Governing Board noted concerns regarding the state of human rights in one of the proposed venues and suggested asking for advice on this matter.

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

5. Reports

None

6. Any other business

None.

7. In camera: Executive Session

The Governing Board then went into a closed session.

Next Governing Board meeting dates (2022/2023):

5 – 8 December 2022 in The Hague in person

27 February 2023 from 12:00 – 14:00 CET by teleconference – to be confirmed

24 April 2023 from 12:00 – 14:00 CEST by teleconference – to be confirmed

June 2023 – in person meeting in The Hague